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Applicant: Naoto YASAKA et al. Conf.: 8872  
Appl. No.: 10/020,922 Group: 1772  
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For: SEALANT FOR POLYPROPYLENE AND EASILY OPENABLE  
HERMETICALLY SEALED PACKAGE INCLUDING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 30, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 1, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated March 30, 2004, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being concurrently filed herewith. Please amend the present application as follows.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Preliminary Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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